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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM ERDA ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR SIEVERING TO DR. PETROSYANTS. ORIGINAL
WILL BE AIR POUCHED SEPARATELY.

JUNE 17, 1977

DR. A. M. PETROSYANTS, CHAIRMAN
USSR STATE COMMITTEE ON UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY
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MOSCOW, USSR

DEAR DR. PETROSYANTS:

DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, WE
SUGGESTED THAT OUR COUNTRIES CONSIDER INITIATING NON-
PROLIFERATION RELATED R&D COOPERATION THAT COULD BE

INCLUDED UNDER THE US-USSR ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE PROPOSED LWR SPENT FUEL STORAGE AS A POTENTIAL TOPIC FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BILATERAL COOPERATION. THE SOVIET SIDE RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO COMMENT ON OUR SUGGESTION UPON RECEIVING MORE CONCRETE US PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT THERE BE AN EXCHANGE OF PAPERS ON OUR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS AND EXPERIENCES IN SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. IN THIS WAY, BOTH SIDES WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL FOR MORE EXPANDED INTERACTION AND WILL BE BETTER PREPARED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION TO THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY.

OUR EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT IT COULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION IN THE AREAS OF 1) LONG TERM RETRIEVABLE STORAGE OF FUEL ELEMENTS AND RELATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND 2) IMPROVED METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING VIA RAIL, HIGHWAY, SEA, AND AIR. IF THIS GENERAL PROPOSAL AND THESE SPECIFIC TOPICS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE ABSTRACTS BEFORE THE NEXT US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON ATOMIC ENERGY. WE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE AND WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PLEASED TO ENTERTAIN ANY ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU CARE TO OFFER.

WITH KIND REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

NELSON F. SIEVERING, JR.
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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